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Stonecrops (Sedum etc) • 2021-02-20

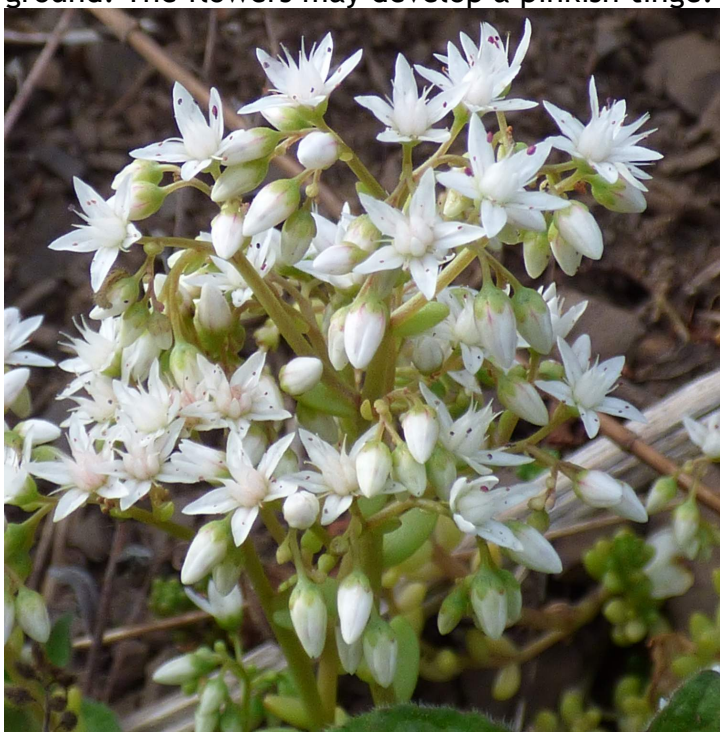
Stonecrops

Biting Stonecrop - Frequent on stony ground lacking sizable vegetation.

Sedum acre

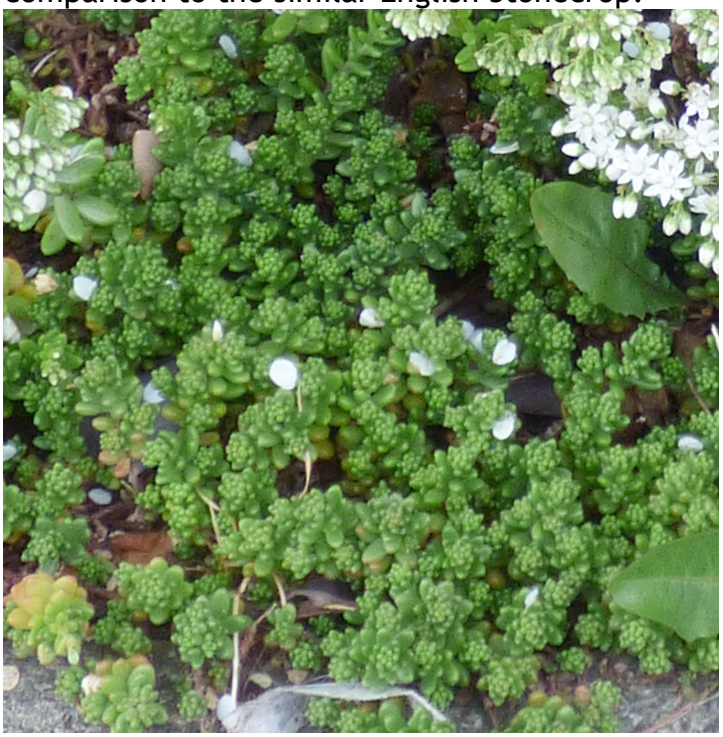
Called ‘biting’ from the peppery taste to the leaves.

White Stonecrop - Likewise found on stony ground. The flowers may develop a pinkish tinge.



Sedum album

The flower heads form a good spray of flowers in comparison to the similar English Stonecrop.



New Zealand Pigmyweed - Found in a number of nearby ponds - Newbridge, Ingliston, Calder Wood.

Originally an aquarium plant, now classed as an invasive that clogs out other species. Related to the popular Jade Plant houseplant.

Crassula helmsii

Caucasian Stonecrop - An easy escapee from gardens sometimes found wild. Further afield there's an impressive spread of it in Blackford Quarry.

Apparently first recorded in the wild in 1910 and increasingly ever since.

Sedum spurium